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For: METHOD OF PREPARING A CATALYST CONTAINING GOLD AND TITANIUM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE A

O THE STATE In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2001, in the above-identification patent application, please enter the following restriction election and amendments, and please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Restriction Election Under 35 U.S.C. 121

Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-33, drawn to a process of making a catalyst and to the catalyst composition prepared therefrom. Accordingly, please cancel, without prejudice, Group II, Claims 34-36, drawn to a process of oxidizing an olefin.

Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in Appendix A (marked-up version of claims) and Appendix B (clean copy of claims).

As shown in Appendix A, please cancel Claim 33, drawn to a catalyst composition. Claims 34 to 36, drawn to an oxidation process, have also been canceled, without prejudice, hereinabove.

Claims 1 to 32 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 3, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, and 30 are amended, as shown in the appendices.

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